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THE HON. C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. A committee has been constituted by the State Government, with Dr. A. L. Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor of the Madras University as its Chairman to go into the question and the report of the Committee is awaited.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that the open space in Island Ground is essential for the health of the City?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is why there is a Committee appointed with Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar as Chairman. He is an eminent medical man. That aspect also will be taken into consideration by the Committee.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is it not a fact that the Island Ground is considered to be the lung of the City of Madras and Mr. Mudaliar having brought a Private Bill to safeguard and protect open spaces and playgrounds, would the Government advise that Committee to desist from the temptation of recommending the construction of any unit in the Island Ground?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have sought the advice of the Committee. All aspects will be taken into consideration before it tenders its advice to the Government.

Rice Mills

* 1469 Q.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to State—

(*a*) the number of applications for installation of rice mills pending with the Collector of Chingleput;

(*b*) of these, how many are pending for more than one and a half years; and

(*c*) If so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) 89.

(*b*) 4.

(*c*) The cases are under investigation and are pending with the subordinate officers.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : In asmuch as six petitions are pending for more than one and a half years, will the Government take early steps to dispose them of?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. The Government will look into the matter and expedite their disposal.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : ஸார், ரைஸ்மில்லுக்கு அனுமதி கொடுக்கும் அதிகாரம் இப்போது அரசாங்கத்திடமிருந்து ரெவின்யூ போர்டுக்கு மாற்றப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதனுடைய காரணம் என்ன?

THE HON SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : ரெவின்யூ போர்டுக்கு அதிகாரம் மாற்றப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதற்குக்

காரணம் தாமதமாவதைக் குறைப்பதற்காகத்தான். ரெவின்யூ போர்டு மறுத்தால், அதற்குப் பிறகு அரசாங்கத்திற்கு அப்பீல் செய்யலாம் என்று செய்திருக்கிறோம்.

Work-charged Establishment

* 1470 *Q.*—Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN (on behalf of Sri K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the categories of workers under the work-charged establishment in the (i) Medical department, (ii) Public Health department: and

(*b*) the steps taken to provincialise these categories as recommended by the Madras Pay Commission?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Nil, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Sulphone

* 1471 *Q.*—Sri M. S. SELVARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that Sulphone (D.D.S.) a specific drug for the treatment of leprosy is not available; and

(*b*) the steps taken to tide over the present emergency?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) There is a scarcity of the drug in the open market, but sufficient stocks are available in the Government Leprosy Centres.

(*b*) The Director-General of Health Services and the Medical Stores Depot, Madras, have been instructed to stock sufficient quantities of the drug in the Depot.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that some of the life saving drugs are in short supply and if so, will the Government take steps to import these drugs in large quantities?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : I want notice about that. The reference here is that a particular drug which is given for leprosy is not available.

Sri M. S. SELVARAJAN : ஸார், இந்த மாத்திரை தற்காலிகமாக வேணும்போது போதிய அளவில் கிடைப்பதற்கு தடை இருக்கக்கூடாது. இப்போது தடை இருப்பதற்கு எனக்குத் தெரிந்த மட்டில் ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட கம்பெனிதான் இதை இறக்குமதி செய்ய வேண்டுமென்று விதிக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதுதான். அப்படி இல்லாமல் தாராளமாக கிடைப்பதற்கு, யாருக்கும் இறக்குமதி செய்யலாம் என்றோ அல்லது குறிப்பிட்ட சில கம்பெனிகள் மட்டுமாவது இறக்குமதி செய்யலாம் என்றோ விதியைத் தளர்த்துவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா?